This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12 (canceled).

13. (currently amended) An implantable hearing device comprising:

at least one permanent magnet adapted for being solidly attached on a promontory in the area of the middle ear; and

at least one coil separate from said permanent magnet adapted for placing in the area of the middle ear.

14. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

15. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at a tympanic membrane.

16. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 13, wherein said coil is adapted for positioning behind a tympanic membrane.

17. (currently amended) The hearing device of claim 13, wherein said permanent magnet is radially polarized.

18. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 17, wherein said permanent magnet is adapted to be removeably attached to the promontory.

19. (previously presented) The hearing device of one

of claims 13, wherein said permanent magnet is one of a circular, oval, square, or rectangular design.

20. (canceled).

21. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further adapted to be removeably attached to the promontory.

22. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 13, wherein said coil is further adapted for placing in the middle ear.

23. (previously presented) The hearing device of one of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain parallel to the permanent magnet.

24. (previously presented) The hearing device of one of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain perpendicular to the permanent magnet.

25. (previously presented) The hearing device of one of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain that is between 0° and 180° relative to the magnet.

26. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further adapted to be positioned on the promontory in an adjustable fashion.

27. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 26, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said coil can be adjusted by post-implantation adjustment of said magnet.

28. (currently amended) A method for enhancing auditory

capacity by amplifying a natural movement of a vibrating ossicle tract, said method comprising the steps of:

converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; and

converting said electrical signal into a mechanical oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a middle ear, wherein said converting said electrical signal into said mechanical oscillation of said coil utilizes a permanent magnet separate from said coil adapted for being solidly attached on a promontory.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

30. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of claims 13-16 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; and

converting said electrical signal into a mechanical oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a middle ear.

31. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 26 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; and

converting said electrical signal into a mechanical oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a middle ear.

32. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 27 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; and

converting said electrical signal into a mechanical oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a middle ear.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at the tympanic membrane.

34-35 (canceled).

36 (currently amended) An implantable hearing device comprising:

at least one permanent magnet adapted for being removably attached to a promontory in the area of the middle ear; and

at least one coil separate from said permanent magnet adapted for placing in the area of the middle ear for directly transferring sound vibrations to a component of the middle ear.

37 (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

38. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at or behind a tympanic membrane.

39. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 36, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said coil can be adjusted.

40 (currently amended) An implantable hearing aid comprising:

a permanent magnet adapted for being mounted on a promontory in the area of the middle ear; and

a coil separate from said permanent magnet adapted for placing in the middle ear.

41 (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an ossicle chain.

42. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at or behind a tympanic membrane.

43. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said coil can be adjusted.

44. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 40, wherein said permanent magnet is mounted in an adjustable fashion.